SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I wish to point out to the honourable members of this House that certain short notice questions have been put to me by honourable members. One of those questions for instance, is whether the Government have received any representation from the coolies engaged in the construction of the Sri Chitra Thirunal Road in Parur taluk, regarding the hardships caused to them by their not being paid their wages regularly, and if so, the action taken thereon. Obviously we cannot answer short notice questions of that kind where information has to be ascertained from Parur and therefore I would suggest to honourable members who wish to put short notice questions to do so in cases where reports are not to be called for or information obtained from outside the capital. I have to disallow those questions. But I should like not to do so and I invite the co-operation of the honourable members in regard to this matter.

REPRESENTATION IN THE WAR SUPPLIES COMMITTEE.

I am glad to be able to announce to this House that the Government of India have agreed to give representation to Travancore in the War Supplies Committee. (Applause)

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE PROVIDENT FUNDS BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore Provident Funds Bill and move that the Bill as revised by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

Clause 1.

The question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clause was added to the bill.

Clause 2.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that:

> In sub-clause (b) of Clause 2, the words "and contributory Provident Fund means a Provident Fund the rules of which provide for the crediting of contributions" shall be deleted.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: Sir, I second it.

The motion was put to vote and adopted.

The question that Clause 2 as amended do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

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